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MEDICAL CALENDAR

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Scientific Medicine is continually moving forward so that a busy practitioner finds it very difficult to keep abreast of the times in his profession by reading current medical publications. He can do this but he would get nothing else done. He also finds it expensive and trying to be continually attending scientific meetings at medical centers and various medical meetings over the country. These programs have become so numerous that he would not be able to practice if he attempted to attend all.

To overcome a great deal of this, our County Society has taken the lead in bringing good medical programs of educational value to its members. It has always been the aim of our Society that no mediocre or pseudo-scientific program should be presented. Such will be the case for the future also due to a program committee that realizes that our membership is awake. They have secured the best that can be obtained. Therefore, we welcome Dr. Charles F. Geschickter as our guest speaker for our Fall Lecture Course, starting October 9th. Also the following week will bring us Dr. Louis H. Newburg, October 17th, on the subject of peptic ulcer, for the regular monthly meeting.

Economics have never been overlooked. Many of these changes, which were fought bitterly by members of the profession but are now taken for granted by all, were originated in Mahoning County. The economic situation is not settled but with the aid of able men, National, State and Local, it can and will be cleared.

The State relief laws have been changed so that Medical relief is on the same footing as direct or work relief. The County Commissioners are directly responsible for the care of indigent sick both at home and in the hospital but the Township trustees are responsible for hospitalization. For some reason our relief authorities feel or take the attitude that when a patient is removed to a hospital their responsibility ceases. Not so; they are still responsible and fees can and should be paid and collected for services rendered. Sufficient funds must be set aside to give adequate medical care to all the indigent and we must insist that all the people whether indigent or of the low income group be taken care of. Your Society, in conjunction with the State Association, will work out a method whereby all shall be treated fairly, both the patient and his physician.

In order that these things may be accomplished, certain fundamental principles must be followed. These principles were best stated by our Past President, Dr. Barney Heim, talking before the Summit County Medical Society September 5, 1939.

1. Maintenance of high standards of medical service.
2. Maintenance of the principles of free choice of physician.
3. Insistence that all shall have the advantages of the best in medical care.
4. Minimization of governmental interference in medical and health activities.
5. Planning by the medical profession so that the profession will be prepared to play a constructive role and assume leadership in medical and health programs.
6. Observance on the part of all physicians of the principles of medical ethics and the traditional ideals of the medical profession.
7. Public education through which the people will be made to realize the value of health; and become acquainted with the aims and purposes of the medical profession.
8. Restoration of public confidence in the medical profession through public education and through greater efforts on the part of individual physicians to create a closer relationship and better understanding between themselves and their patients.

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Juvenile delinquency begins in the schools and manifests itself as the problem child, the backward child and the truant. By insidious gradations it progresses to the gang stage and outright anti-social manifestations which brings it within the purview of the juvenile court. At that level it becomes a community problem.

It should have been a community problem from its incipiency, way back in school days, because these anti-social tendencies are usually the expressions of individual inadequacies and should have received recognition as such in the beginning. By the time they come to the attention of the court, habits and tendencies are too often fixed and difficult to change.

Whereas the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States declares all men to be created free and equal, it has come to be understood that the meaning applies to equality of opportunity. It is not a truism that all men are created equal. We, as physicians, see progeny born varying, physically, from beautiful normal babies down to hideous forms of monstrosity. Unfortunately, we are unable, at birth, to recognize the wide gradients in the mental capacity of the new born, and, early, to provide the corrective measure that we apply to the new born with clubbed feet or hair lip. This mental incapacity manifests itself by failure to keep abreast of the age group to which the individual belongs. In most instances, misbehavior and truancy are an attempt on the part of the inadequate to

gain his or her place in the sun, even though the place be attained by anti-social behavior.

The Bing Law, passed some years ago by the Ohio General Assembly, makes it mandatory that the school systems of the state maintain a child in school until eighteen years of age. This is a terrible handicap to the schools in the instance of a mentally retarded child, and equally terrible and unfair to the child, itself. Such individuals should be removed from the regular school and placed in a special environment with adequate facilities to develop whatever capacity they have, free from the competitive spirit and the frustration which so frequently drives them to commit misdemeanors or worse.

Such an institution, under the school laws, cannot be provided by Boards of Education. They must be provided by private or public philanthropy, and the phrase public philanthropy is used intentionally. No greater good could be derived from the expenditure of public funds than could be derived from a lessening of crime in a community.

To belabour this further is unnecessary when writing for medical consumption. But the whole problem needs emphasis to awaken in this community a realization of the need that exists, and to place the responsibility of meeting that need squarely up to our elected officials. Needless to say, the Medical Profession stands ready to point the way.

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There seems to be a popular notion that every physician is the possessor of a vast storehouse of isoteric sex knowledge.

This notion is due, on the one hand, to the tendency of a certain type of fiction and movies to melodramatize the doctor. On the other hand, in former years, the medical profession, through much mysterious mummerly, contributed to this belief.

While it is true that our training in the biological sciences gives us a variable amount of this information, necessary in the practice of our profession, most of us make no claims to special knowledge of the secret by-paths of sex, or that we hold some secrets that are exclusively our own.

The linking of medicine and sex information goes back as far as recorded history itself. We find that many of the ancient and medieval books on medicine and natural sciences contained treatises on gynecologic and sex subjects. These treatises were called *de secretis mulierum*, secrets of women, *de mulierum*, *de generatione*, etc., and most early writers, who had any claim to medical or scientific knowledge, wrote a tract on this subject. Aristotle, the first real scientist, wrote one about 350 B. C. Pliny, the great gossip of the first century A. D., Albertus Magnus, the doctor of everything of the thirteenth century, and many others authored such tracts.

From the multiplicity of these tracts, it is reasonable to suspect that they had a popular as well as scientific circulation. People being pretty much the same in every generation, these *secreta mulierum* were probably designed, in a good many instances, to satisfy the ever-present and natural sex curiosity.

In our own day there are a great many books on the subject. Some of them by Havelock Ellis, Krafft-Ebing and other earnest scholars, un-

doubtedly have real scientific value. But these books can be obtained by anyone who wants them, and there is little, if anything, in sex information that is not accessible to the average reader. Moreover, the public press, magazines and book stalls disseminate a good deal of it. For instance, a few months ago a popular magazine printed pictures of the act of parturition. So that there are really no *secreta mulierum* in this day and age, and that is perhaps as it should be.

There is, however, a special class of books which parades under the high sounding names of *esoterica*, *anthropology*, *ethnology* and *sexualia*. Ostensibly intended for the scholar's and doctor's library, they are actually designed for a wider and more general circulation, with their chief appeal to the prurient rather than scientific. Many thousands of these "for physicians only" books are sold. There is a lure about them that there is about "for adults only" shows.

Not being the guardians of public morals, any more than other decent citizens, we have no bones to pick, on moral grounds, with the publishers and purveyors of these books. We have no particular objection to their reading and circulation. We are even boardminded enough to condone the reading of one or two purely bawdy book. We know that this is done; most normal people outgrow this kind of reading as they do other adolescent practices. We do, however, object to the publishers' and booksellers' use of the medical profession as a decoy for the printing and circulating of these semi-pornographic, pseudo-scientific books.

Even more do we object to the barrage of circulars and prospecti of these books, with their lurid descriptions of the perversions and abominations of the human race and the secret practices of Hindoo and Hottentot contained in them. They seem to

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L. S. D.

TUBERCULOSIS SURVEY

The members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are meeting a challenge to further reduce the death rate from tuberculosis in this community.

At a recent meeting of the Mahoning Valley Tuberculosis Association the sub-committee, composed mainly of doctors from the Mahoning County Medical Society, was authorized to spend a thousand dollars in setting up equipment which would allow the rapid x-ray examination of large groups of individuals. This system is known as collective fluorography, and was instituted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, about three years ago and has been carried out there and in other countries with great success.

The method consists in using a rather high-powered rotating target tube, and in conjunction with this a 35 mm. camera with a very fast lens. This camera takes a photograph of the image thrown on the screen by the fluoroscope. This image is transferred to the 35 mm. film and it is then projected in the usual manner on an ordinary screen where it can be interpreted in the usual way.

The plan is to select four thousand individuals of the high schools of the city and county and submit them to tuberculin testing and x-ray. After these four thousand individuals have been examined, an analysis will be made of the entire procedure to determine which method or methods of case finding shall, in the future, be used in the survey of the entire junior and senior high school populations.

One can readily see that such a survey would not only find new cases of tuberculosis but each new case will lead to the finding of contact cases and all such cases can be eventually eliminated from circulation. Thus the problem of tuberculosis as a health menace will be gradually banished.

G. G. N.

THE MEDICAL CRIER

A Page of Sidelights, News and Views in the Medical Field

● Right here and now the Old Crier goes on record in favor of the change from Thursday to Wednesday afternoon for the doctor's half-holiday. The main thing that swings him over is that good program at Canton on Wednesday, Oct. 11, when the leading lights from Jefferson appear on their Postgraduate Day Program. It means miss Wednesday and Thursday at the office or else miss the meeting—which is unthinkable. Aside from the support we lend to our neighbors, we need to attend such meetings for our own good. Since all the other nearby Societies are using Wednesday it behooves us to get in step. Making the change will confuse some of our

patients for a while, but with the proper publicity it can be handled with a minimum of trouble; and in a few months we will be just as firmly set in the new habit as we were in the old. The important thing is to have concerted action so we can all be together for our picnics and golf days.

● Coming up through Kentucky last week we were strongly reminded of our old friend the late Dr. Beard. Somehow we never see a fine Kentucky saddle horse without thinking of him. There was a man—gusto, jollity and determination crammed into 60 short inches of stature. When his short, stocky figure got up into the

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● The Entertainment Committee sure did themselves proud on our clam bake picnic. We never had a better time anywhere. Baseball, trap-shooting, horseshoe pitching, clams, chicken, sweet corn—there was plenty for everybody. We only hope that the baseball stiffness will be out of our legs in time for that annual dinner-dance. You can have your golf, baseball and horseshoes, but give us a dreamy waltz with one of those gorgeous creatures such as we saw at the last dance. That's our idea of a real big time.

● Sometimes the money you spend foolishly is the best money you ever spent.

—J. L. F.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular Council meeting was held at the office of the Secretary on September 11th. Council approved the applications for membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society of the following:

<p>For Active Membership: Dr. D. A. Belinky Dr. A. Rosapepe For Class D Membership: Dr. Frederick S. Coombs Dr. Vernon Leroy Goodwin</p>

Unless objection in writing is received by the Secretary within 15 days, the above applicants become members.

The regular September meeting of the Society was held at the Youngstown Club, Tuesday evening, September 19, 1939.

The Scientific Program was presented by Dr. Walter M. Simpson

of Dayton, Ohio. He spoke upon Artificial Fever Therapy, tracing the origin of the idea by interesting lantern slides and data up to the present perfected machine. This was followed by studies of various metabolic reactions to the fever treatment including temperatures at various points of the body, studies of how the blood chlorides were lowered unless counteracted by chloride drinks, basal metabolic reactions and dangers to be avoided. He then discussed various clinical uses of the treatment in different types of syphilis, gonorrhea and chorea. Following the lecture there were two reels of motion pictures showing patients before and after treatment.

Dr. Simpson treated the entire subject clearly and showed the uses and abuses of a new form of therapy in a very convincing manner.

Following the scientific session there was a business meeting during which the following business was accomplished:

A motion was made that Dr. C. H. Slossen be made an honorary member of the Society. This was seconded and duly passed.

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Dr. Claude Norris read the new amendments to the By-Laws by title only. Following this motion Dr. Norris read the titles of the new amendments with some explanation.

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Secretary send a letter and return postal card to each active member of the Society requesting a vote upon the proposal of changing the half holiday of Thursday to Wednesday so that the members will conform with the half holiday of neighboring societies. The letter is to explain the advantages of such a change.

The application of Dr. R. W. Beede for active membership was read.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.
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Two Dangerous Constitutional Amendments On Ballot At Nov. 7 Election; Their Defeat by Voters Imperative

Two of the most fantastic and ridiculous, yet most serious proposals which have ever been presented to the voters of Ohio will appear on the ballots at the General Election on November 7, barring some unforeseen eleventh-hour legal development which would prevent them from being submitted for popular vote.

These proposals have been termed by the press as the so-called "Bigelow Amendments" because they are being sponsored by a group headed by Herbert S. Bigelow, Cincinnati, for years connected with various reform movements in Ohio.

The Bigelow proposals are being submitted under the provisions of the Ohio Constitution permitting the initiation of constitutional amendments and laws through petitions containing the signatures of a certain number of qualified voters.

As this issue of *The Journal* went to press, approximately 70,000 of the required number of signatures (241,000) on the petitions had been ruled invalid, making it necessary for the proponents of the proposals to obtain supplemental signatures. That the necessary number of additional signatures would be obtained and that the proposals would be placed on the ballot were regarded as foregone conclusions by those in touch with the activities of the Bigelow group.

What Are the Bigelow Proposals?

Proposal No. 1 is a ruinous, economically and socially unsound and synthetic old age pension plan if there ever was one.

It proposes pensions of \$50 a month to single persons or \$80 a month to married couples who are 60 years of age or more and who are retired from gainful occupation as wage earners, *supplementing all other sources of income.* Note that the question of *need*

is not considered. The proposal specifies two new state-wide taxes to meet such payments, namely: A 2 per cent tax on all land the value of which exceeds \$20,000 an acre and a state income tax equal to 25 per cent of the income tax paid to the Federal Government the previous year.

Proposal No. 2, an equally dangerous if not more dangerous proposal, would reduce the number of signatures required to initiate a law to 50,000 and the number to initiate a Constitutional amendment to 100,000. It eliminates the present provision that a certain percentage of signatures must be obtained in at least half of the counties, meaning that the required number might be obtained in one or two large cities. The Constitution now provides that signatures of 10 per cent of the voters scattered over 50 per cent of the counties, with at least 5 per cent of the vote cast in each one of these counties, must be obtained to initiate a Constitutional amendment and at least 6 per cent of the votes scattered over 50 per cent of the counties, with at least 5 per cent of the vote cast in each of these counties, must be obtained to initiate a law.

Texts of the Two Proposals

Complete texts of the two proposals follow:

Proposal No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the State of Ohio that the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended, by the adoption of Section 13 of Article XII, to read as follows:

Section 13. All citizens of the State of Ohio of the age of 60 years or over who are retired from gainful occupation as wage earners, and who are not under conviction for crime, are guaranteed an income of Fifty

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Scientific Programs

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(\$50) Dollars per month, except that all married couples living together are guaranteed an income of Forty (\$40) Dollars a month to each person, which income in either case shall consist of pension payments by the State supplementing all other sources of income. Such state payments shall be made to persons, citizens of the State of Ohio at the time of the adoption of this amendment, or, having become citizens after its adoption, shall have been residents of the State of Ohio for 10 years or such shorter time as may be determined by law. Such payments by the State of Ohio shall be conditioned upon age, residence limitations, income, and non-employment only. Payments of legally established pension claims shall be retroactive to the date of applications therefor, which application may be made subsequent to six months after adoption of this amendment by vote of the people. Persons receiving pension allowances may reside anywhere within the State, but laws may be passed restricting expenditures of such allowances outside the State. Neither ownership of a homestead, occupied by the owner, nor support legally enforceable from relatives shall be deemed income within the meaning of this provision.

All land, the value of which exceeds the rate of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars an acre, is hereby subjected to a special tax of two (2%) per cent, in addition to all levies for general revenue purposes; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit exemptions from taxation in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution. All revenues derived from such special two (2%) per cent tax shall be used for the payment of old age pensions, before revenues from other sources are used for such purpose.

There is hereby imposed a tax on

incomes of a rate sufficient to require from each taxpayer one-quarter of the amount of the income tax paid, the preceding year, to the Federal Government. The Governor of the State shall secure from the Federal Government, and supply to all county taxing authorities, information of all income taxes paid to the Federal Government, from within each county, and county authorities are hereby directed to collect such income taxes with or without enabling legislation. The total amount of the revenue derived from said income tax shall be used exclusively for old age pensions, if required for the full payment of pension claims, but any amount in excess of such requirement shall be available for general revenue purposes.

This amendment shall be effective in accordance with its provisions without enabling legislation, but laws may be passed not inconsistent with its provisions, in furtherance of its purpose, and such laws may be passed either by act of the Legislature or by direct vote of the people using the powers of the initiative and referendum.

All provisions of law or Constitution of the State of Ohio in conflict with any provision of this amendment are hereby amended and superseded with respect to such conflict.

Proposal No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the State of Ohio that the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended, by the adoption of Section I (h) of Article II, to read as follows:

In the exercise of the powers of the initiative and referendum, after the adoption of this amendment by vote of the people, the signatures of 100,000 of the electors at large shall be sufficient upon a petition to bring to popular vote a constitutional amendment for any purpose whatsoever. Whenever there shall have been filed with the Secretary of State

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a petition signed by 50,000 of the electors at large, proposing a law, for any purpose whatsoever, the full text of which shall have been set forth in such petition, the Secretary of State without submitting same to the Legislature, shall submit it to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next regular or general election, and if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall take effect 30 days after the election at which it was approved. No initiative or referendum petition shall require the designation of ward and precinct of the signer, but the residence address in addition to the township or city shall be sufficient.

Except as modified by this amendment no repeal or change is here authorized of any of the provisions or powers of the initiative and referendum.

This amendment shall be self-enforcing and is hereby declared to be in full effect, without enabling legislation, and all provisions of law or Constitution of the State of Ohio in conflict with any provision of this amendment are hereby amended and superseded with respect to such conflict.

Council Disapproves Both Proposals

Both proposals have been analyzed by The Council of the Ohio State Medical Association. Believing that the overwhelming majority of the physicians of Ohio, as citizens and as professional men, do not favor dangerous and detrimental proposals such as the Bigelow proposals, The Council officially disapproved both measures and pledged the Association to coöperation with the "Ohio Emergency Committee," which is composed of between 60 and 70 state-wide business, industrial, farm, patriotic, civic, professional, welfare and women's organizations and is organized to carry on an educational campaign against the Bigelow proposals. Members of the Association are being in-

formed in various ways about the dangers of the two proposals and will be expected to take an active part locally in educating their friends and acquaintances, as all citizens of Ohio have a very vital stake in seeing that these proposals are DEFEATED at the polls on November 7.

Arguments Against Proposals

Careful reading of the proposals reveals why physicians, as citizens and as doctors, should be opposed to them. Following are some of the important reasons why physicians should vote against them on November 7 and get others to vote against them:

1. Physicians as taxpayers and property owners would be dealt a "knockout" blow through the *new and burdensome taxes* which would be required. Not just two new taxes but *many* types of new taxes would be required to finance the old-age subsidy, statisticians have estimated.
2. Some competent statisticians and economists have estimated that the old-age subsidy proposal would cost between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 annually—perhaps twice that amount after 15 or 20 years.
3. Property owners, both large and small (practically all physicians), in all probability would be assessed an additional *heavy tax on their residences and real estate holdings* as competent legal authorities contend that the term "land" used in Proposal No. 1 means "land and all improvements thereon."
4. If the above is not the case, heavy taxes of different kinds would have to be levied on all citizens to make up the deficit in the old-age subsidy. All consumers, meaning all citizens, would be taxed—even recipients of the subsidy.
5. All present necessary and constructive governmental activities probably would suffer terribly financially—many of them might have to be

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discontinued. Activities seriously affected would be *schools, law enforcement and public protection agencies, welfare and public health programs, statutory poor relief activities, libraries, etc.* This is one of the worst menaces in the old-age subsidy proposal. The reason for this is that the subsidy would be a first lien (first mortgage) on all state revenue. The state would be forced to pay the old-age subsidy no matter how large, before it could spend a cent for other governmental activities.

6. The State of Colorado has a similar "crackpot" pension plan and the financing of it there has played havoc with regular governmental functions.

7. Fantastic and unsound proposals of this kind have an injurious effect on sound social security programs. Financing of the present social security program in Ohio would be virtually impossible if the Bigelow proposal is adopted. The chances are that the Federal Government would withdraw its support for Ohio's present old-age assistance program which is based on "need"—a factor totally ignored in the Bigelow proposal.

8. Adoption of Proposal No. 1 would blaze the trail for the presentation of other socialistic measures to the people, such as *compulsory health insurance*. Adoption of Proposal No. 2 would provide an easy method for getting a *compulsory health insurance measure* on the ballot at some future election.

9. Ohio would become a "paradise" for drifters and loafers of the appropriate aged from other states who would flock to Ohio, establish citizenship and then be eligible to participate in the subsidy.

10. Of special importance to physicians is the probability that the financial strain which would be placed on the state would bring about a *virtual collapse of present public*

health services and public welfare activities, including the institutional care of the mentally sick, feeble minded and handicapped.

11. Adoption of Proposal No. 2 would herald a "field day" for *anti-medical groups and cultists, cranks, demagogues, fanatics, etc. Cultists and anti-medical groups who are constantly trying to destroy the Medical Practice Act and obtain special privileges would use the easy method which would be established by Proposal No. 2 to get their destructive proposals on the ballot for popular vote.*

12. Responsibility and activities of the State Legislature would be largely nullified by Proposal No. 2. At each election, dozens of proposed laws would be submitted through initiative petitions. Anyone with an idea, whether good, bad or indifferent, would stand a good chance of getting his "plan" before the people for a vote. Obviously, this would lead to confusion and chaos and destroy orderly procedure in law-making and administration of laws. Representative government would be destroyed. In the final analysis, the public generally would suffer.

Every Thinking Citizen Must Help

Every thinking citizen of Ohio should acquaint himself with the dangers of the Bigelow proposals—this means every physician—and vote against them on November 7. The citizens of Ohio are confronted with a real emergency. A vote against both Bigelow proposals on November 7 will in effect be a vote in favor of sound social security and orderly government.

The Institute for the Consideration of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs held a series of meetings, conducted by the University of Wisconsin Medical School, September 4th to 6th. Dr. W. H. Bunn attended these meetings and later spent several days at Mayo Clinic.

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Proposed Amendments and Additions to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mahoning County Medical Society

The following are the proposed revisions and new Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mahoning County Medical Society. First reading by title at the regular meeting, October 19, 1939. Final action by the Society will be taken at the regular meeting October 17, 1939.

By the Committee.

CLAUDE B. NORRIS, M. D.,
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F. W. McNAMARA, M. D.
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Article III, line 2, after "Associate," add "Interne"; the paragraph will then read:

This Society shall consist of Active, Associate, Interne, Non-resident, and Honorary Members.

Article VIII, add to the article: "of the Society or of special corporations." The paragraph will then read:

The Society, by a majority vote at any regular meeting, and in the manner provided in the By-Laws, shall have authority to direct the Council to arrange for articles of incorporation of the Society or of special corporations.

BY-LAWS

of

The Mahoning County Medical Society

CHAPTER I

Section 1, line 2, after "Non-Resident": add "Intern"; the section will then read:

Classes of Members

SECTION 1. This Society shall consist of Active, Associate, Non-Resident, Intern, and Honorary Members.

Section 3, Paragraph (a) line 2, after States, add: "but who has taken out his first citizenship papers,"; line 6, after Society add: "Associate Membership shall terminate within 5 years"; remove the last nine lines beginning with (d), and incorporate them as a part of a new section 4, abolishing Associate Member d, and creating "Intern" Members—Section 3 will then read as follows:

Associate Members

SECTION 3. (a) Any physician not a citizen of the United States but who has taken out his first citizen papers, of insufficient residence in practice in this County but otherwise eligible to Active membership, may be received as an Associate Member of the Society. Associate membership (a) shall terminate within 5 years. (b) Any physician, a member of any

other County Medical Society, whose dues and other financial obligations are fully paid, who has become an actual resident of this County, and who presents his letter of recommendation from his Society to this Society, may be accorded the privileges of Associate membership for one year, after which he may present his application for Active membership, provided that he has complied with the requirements of Section 2 of this Chapter; in any case such membership shall cease after one year of residence in Mahoning County; (c) any person, a graduate of a reputable school of medicine, or of public health, a resident of Mahoning County for one year, and engaged in full-time service in an accredited hospital in this County or as a full-time public health officer in this County, may be accepted as an Associate Member. The dues for Associate membership as defined under (a) and (c), shall be the same as the dues of an active member.

Section 4 will then read as follows:

Intern Membership

SECTION 4. Interns in accredited hospitals in Mahoning County, or any physicians engaged in private practice in Mahoning County during the year following accredited hospital internship, may be received as Intern Members. No dues shall be required of them during their actual service as Interns, but for their year of private practice thereafter their dues shall be \$5.00, after which such Intern Membership shall cease.

Section 4, Change Number to 5; last line, change \$2.00 to \$5.00. The Section will then read:

Non-Resident

SECTION 5. Any physician, not a resident of Mahoning County, of good professional standing, and a member of his County Medical Society, if such a Society exists, shall be eligible to Non-Resident Membership in the Society. Dues for such membership shall be \$5.00 per year.

Section 5, change Number to 6; omit the last six lines after the word meeting; and add, Voting thereon shall be by secret ballot, which shall be done at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the votes be favorable thereto the nominee shall be elected; provided, by a two-thirds vote the Society may suspend this rule and vote *viva voce* upon the proposal immediately. The Section will then read as follows:

Honorary Members

SECTION 6. Any person who has risen to eminence in Medicine or the Allied

Sciences or who has performed some notable service to the Medical Profession or to the Society, or who by years of practice is deemed worthy of the honor, shall be eligible to Honorary Membership. Proposals for Honorary Membership may be submitted to the Society at any regular meeting, but the balloting thereon shall be done at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the votes be favorable thereto the nominee shall be elected; provided, by a two-thirds vote the Society may suspend this rule and vote *viva voce* upon the proposal immediately.

Section 6, change number to 7.

Section 7, change number to 8.

CHAPTER II

Section 1, add after Associate, line 2: "Intern"; after "by," line 5, "required" after "dues" line 5, add: "as provided in Chapter III, Section 3; omit line 6, "year" at beginning of line 7, paragraph 2, line 3, after "plicant," add: "and examination to ascertain his familiarity with the Constitution and By-Laws"; drop "within one month" and insert "as promptly as possible"; line 8 (same paragraph) drop "in the affirmative," insert "for acceptance"; line 10 drop cast; line 11, drop "in the negative," insert "fail to cast their vote for acceptance"; line 12, drop "provisionally"; same line, beginning with the word "but" drop the next two lines to the word "if" in line 15; line 16 drop "affirmatively," add "for acceptance"; line 18, after "days" add "from the date of mailing of such publication." Paragraph 3, line 1, omit "final." The entire section will then read:

Election of Members

SECTION 1. Application for membership, either Active, Associate, Interne, or Non-Resident, must be made in writing upon a form provided by this Society and the application must be accompanied by required dues as provided in Chapter III, Section 3, and filed with the Secretary. Such application shall state the applicant's age, his citizenship, his college and medical school, his literary and medical degrees, date of graduation, places in which he has practised, the date of licensure in this State and, if such application is for Active membership, the date of registration in this County, and shall be endorsed by two members of this Society. The Secretary shall read such application at the next regular meeting of the Society, and the President shall refer it promptly to the Board of Censors, with any information concerning the eligibility of the applicant that may be in the possession of the President or the Secretary.

The Board of Censors shall, after due consideration of the eligibility of the applicant, and examination to ascertain his familiarity with the Constitution and By-Laws, report as promptly as possible its findings to the Council of the Society. The Council shall review these findings and proceed to ballot, and if a majority of the Council membership present at that meeting cast their vote for acceptance, the applicant shall be provisionally elected. If such majority of the Council fail to cast their vote for acceptance, the applicant shall be *ipso facto* rejected. When the Council shall have voted for acceptance, as above provided, the Secretary shall publish the same in *The Bulletin*, and after 15 days from the date of mailing of such publication, should there be no written objection received by the Secretary, the election shall be considered final and the applicant notified by the Secretary, who will have him acknowledge in writing his allegiance to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society. If, within the 15 day period, a written objection is received by the Secretary the application shall go to the Council for its final acceptance or rejection; a favorable vote of two-thirds of the total Council membership shall constitute acceptance, and failure to receive a vote of acceptance shall constitute rejection of such applicant. Acceptance by two-thirds of the Council membership shall be final and the Secretary shall immediately notify the candidate of his election to this Society, and shall have him acknowledge in writing his allegiance to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society.

"In case of rejection under either of the two conditions above outlined the Secretary shall immediately so notify the applicant and return the dues included with his application."

Section 2, line 4: transpose "and" to follow "5," and add "6." The section will then read:

SECTION 2. Grounds for refusing membership in this Society: In addition to the lack of qualifications for membership set out in Chapter 1, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, any applicant for membership in this Society who is believed by the Council to be guilty of actions which under Section 6 of this Chapter, were he a member, would call for disciplinary proceedings, shall be refused membership.

Section 5, second paragraph is changed to begin: "Whether or not the Society sees fit to impose any other penalty." The entire paragraph will then read:

Whether or not the Society sees fit to impose any other penalty, a member shall be deemed to have thereby been censured

if, in accordance with these By-Laws, he shall be adjudged guilty of any of the offenses set out under Section 6.

Section 6, the 7th line from the last of the beginning paragraph: add "other" after "or"; in the 6th line from the last after "profession": add "or prohibited by law"; in the 2nd paragraph, 5th line, after "lay" add: "person or"; from the 6th line drop "a group of"; in the 10th line after "lay" add: "person or"; in the 24th line, after "lay" add: "person or"; in the next to the last line of the paragraph, after "lay" add: "person or." Section 6 will then read as follows:

SECTION 6. Grounds for censure, suspension, or expulsion, shall include: gross negligence by a member in the performance of his duties as an ethical physician; inexcusable bad taste in professional conduct or disregard for that proper personal deportment in his professional relationships that should characterize a physician who is loyal to the spirit of ethical medical practice; advertising in an unethical manner; the securing of a patent for a remedy or for an instrument used in the practice of medicine or surgery and reaping pecuniary reward therefrom; selling or being financially interested in the sale of patent medicines or nostrums or giving a certificate in favor of a patented or proprietary remedy or patented instrument; entering into an agreement to receive pecuniary compensation or patronage for sending prescriptions to any apothecary, or so writing prescriptions as to be intelligible only to certain apothecaries; being a party to unethical fee-splitting, or doing lodge society, club, or other contract practice in a manner injurious to the Profession or prohibited by law; violating the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association; or being guilty of any conduct which is offensive to the moral and ethical conceptions of the Profession of this community.

Further grounds for censure, suspension, or expulsion shall include the violation by any member or members, of the following provisions: In the event that any lay person or organization wishes to contract with a member or members of the Society to render medical service to one or more indigent patients, the member or members of the Society concerned shall refer such lay person or organization to the Council. The Council shall require: (a) a thorough investigation of each of such patients to determine if charity service is deserved; (b) that each patient or person responsible in the case, shall be referred to the physician of his own choice; (c) that no officer, member, or employee of such lay organization shall in any way attempt to

influence the patient or anyone else in the free choice of the physician to do the required service; and (d) that the fee for such medical service shall be paid directly to the physician rendering the service, by the lay person or organization promoting the particular philanthropy. No member or group of members of the Society shall perform medical services of any kind under any contract with any lay person or organization failing to comply with the above requirements.

Section 7, 2nd paragraph (b), 2nd line, drop "directly." Paragraph (c), 4th line from the end, after "action" insert "All such voting shall be by secret ballot." (Paragraph (b) is changed only by dropping "directly," the paragraph is, therefore, not restated.) Paragraph (c) will then read:

(c) Immediately after such indictment or conviction the Board of Censors shall notify the accused by registered letter that the Society will take official cognizance of such indictment or conviction, at the next regular meeting to be held not less than 10 days after the date of such notification. Such notice shall proffer to the accused an opportunity to be heard in his own defense; to show cause to the Society against suspension or expulsion. At the same time they shall notify the members of the Society by mail of such impending action. If, as provided in Section 9 of this Chapter, two-thirds of the members present so decree, suspension or expulsion shall not be invoked. Otherwise, such suspension or expulsion shall take immediate effect, without further action. All such voting shall be by secret ballot. A member whose license has been revoked shall be dropped from membership automatically as of the date of revocation.

Section 8, line 13, after "findings" drop: "with specific recommendations as to censure, suspension, or expulsion"; line 17 after "previously" add: "to such meeting." Section 8 will then read:

SECTION 8. Charges against a member for violation of the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association or of the Constitution and the By-Laws of this Society, as specified in Section 6 of this Chapter, shall be presented in writing to the Censors who shall at the earliest possible time notify the accused member of such charges in writing. The Censors will then proceed to make a careful and impartial investigation and if they consider the charges to be sustained they shall report their findings to this Society for action at its next regular meeting, having, at least 10 days previously to such meeting notified this Society through a notice as provided in

Section 3, Chapter VII, and the accused by registered letter, of the date on which their report is to be made. Notice to the accused shall include a written copy of the charges against him, and he shall be afforded the opportunity of a hearing before the Society. If the accused fails to appear before this Society, or appearing, is adjudged guilty by two-thirds of the members voting, he shall thereby be censured, unless by subsequent balloting two-thirds of the members voting shall decree that the accused shall be suspended or expelled. All such voting shall be by secret ballot. The Censors may of their own accord, and shall upon request of the Council, take cognizance of any violation of the Principles of Ethics or unprofessional conduct and proceed as directed above.

CHAPTER III

Dues—Assessments

Section 1, line 7: drop "associate," and insert "Intern"; same and following line: drop "(d) none" and insert "while serving as intern, none; for the year following, if in practice, \$5.00"; line 8: drop "\$2.00" and insert "\$5.00"; also, drop "\$2.00" and insert "\$5.00." Section 1 will then read:

SECTION 1. The dues of the different classes of membership shall be such as the Society from time to time shall decide, and which for the time being are established as follows: Active, \$20.00 per year; Associate members (a) and (c), \$20.00 per year; Associate (b), none for time for which dues have been paid to the Society to which the member last belonged; Intern members, while serving as interns, none; for the year following, if in practice, \$5.00; Non-resident, \$5.00 per year; and Honorary, none, except State dues.

Section 2, line 3, after "December" add "next"; line 5, beginning with "Delinquency" drop remainder of section. Section 2 will then read:

SECTION 2. Dues payable: The dues of all members shall be due and payable on or before the first of December next preceding the calendar year for which such dues are collected.

Section 3, add to the section: "More than one month of a quarter of a year shall be construed as a full quarter." Section 3 will then read:

Pro-Rating of Dues

SECTION 3. The dues of any member elected during the year shall be equal to as many fourths of the annual dues as there are remaining quarters in that

year. More than one month of a quarter of a year shall be construed as a full quarter.

Section 4, line 11: after "roll" add "the Secretary shall so notify such member, and shall enter the same on the minutes of the Council of the current month, and such member." Section 4 will then read:

SECTION 4. A member delinquent three months in the payment of his dues shall be automatically suspended for non-payment of dues; but he shall be automatically restored to membership on the payment of all indebtedness to the Society, provided such payment is made within 12 months of delinquency. Members who have been more than one year in arrears shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll, and the Secretary shall so notify such member, and shall enter the same on the minutes of the Council of the current month, and such member can be re-instated only through regular application for membership as is required of new members; provided, except as specified in Section 5 of this Chapter, such application shall not be considered unless it is accompanied by an amount equal to the dues for the first year of such delinquency plus the dues required by Section 3 of this Chapter, for new members. A member shall be deemed delinquent and in arrears from January first of the current year until his dues and assessments have been paid.

Section 6, line 10, drop "Treasurer" and add "Secretary." The section will then read:

SECTION 6. Special Assessments. Extraordinary expenses may be met by special assessments upon the Active Members and those Associate Members of the Society designated in Chapter I, Section 3, as (a), (b), and (c). Special assessments may be levied by the Society upon recommendation of the Council. Notification of the assessments shall be in the form of a bill from the Secretary, upon receipt of which the assessment shall be due and payable. Members delinquent in the payment of special assessments shall be dealt with in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 as provided for delinquency in the payment of dues.

CHAPTER V

Section 3, paragraph 4, line 12: drop "special"; line 16, after "created" add: "and shall include a copy of any special section of the By-Laws pertaining to the Committee;". The paragraph will then read:

He shall take the minutes of the proceedings of this Society, and of the Coun-

cil, and transcribe them in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall be the custodian of the Charter of the Society, and shall have charge of all papers belonging to this Society except those pertaining to the Treasurer, or to special committees. He shall promptly notify all officers and newly-elected members of their election, and the Chairman and members of each committee of their appointment, and of the names of their associates on the committees, and of any resolution under which the committee was created; and shall include a copy of any special section of the By-Laws pertaining to the Committee; he shall furnish credentials to members elected Delegates to other organizations; he shall certify to the Executive Secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association the names of the Delegates to the Ohio State Medical Association, when elected, and the Alternate Delegates, as provided by Chapter X, Section 10, of the By-Laws of the State Association. He shall notify the President of the death of any member and enter the fact upon the minutes and have resolutions prepared and sent to the family and a copy of them sent to *The Bulletin* of the County Society, and shall notify the Journal of the State Association.

Paragraph 6 (page 21), line 2, after "bills," add: "receive and file all invoices and bills for goods and services charged against the Society, together with the checks issued in payment thereof." The paragraph will then read:

He shall keep the accounts of this Society, issue bills, receive and file all invoices and bills for goods and services charged against the Society, together with the checks issued in payment thereof, notify members in arrears and collect all dues and assessments. He shall pay at least once each month to the Treasurer all money received, specifying the sources and shall take the receipt of the Treasurer for the same; he shall keep his accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Council, to which he shall at the end of the year submit the same for audit, and shall present a yearly summary of the activities of his office to this Society at the business meeting in December. Publication of this report in the current December issue of *The Bulletin* shall be equivalent to a report to the Society. He shall conduct the correspondence of this Society and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may from time to time be required. He shall each month cause to be published in *The Bulletin* the proceedings of the Council, and shall identify under special heading any proceedings of the Council in its capacity as Trustees or a Board of Control.

Paragraph 7 is new and reads:

The Secretary shall be the official custodian of all personal property of the Society.

Section 4, line 19: drop "warrants" and substitute "checks"; drop lines 21, 22, 23, and 24, after "the" at end of line 20, add: "President; the Secretary, and the Treasurer, or any two of these officers. The Council shall be authorized, (a) to set up a Postgraduate cash account to be administered by the Chairman of the Postgraduate Committee, who shall keep a record of each expenditure therefrom, together with a receipt therefor; (b) to set up a Bulletin cash fund and a Secretary's cash fund, each not to exceed the sum of \$50.00. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the number of each check issued against the general fund, to whom payable, and the amount. Such checks, however, when cashed shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary. Line 28, after "over" omit "to his successor or"; after "Council," add "through the Secretary"; Line 30, drop "hands," add "possession." Section 4 will then read:

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Society. He shall deposit all money, or any other securities, that may come into his possession in the name of The Mahoning County Medical Society in banks or trust companies designated by the Council of this Society. He shall establish a "current account" which shall not exceed \$500.00 to be used for the payment of current expenses; and, subject to the direction of the Council, other accounts, each not exceeding in any one institution the amount protected by deposit insurance, to be known as a "permanent account." With the approval of the Council funds may be transferred from the "permanent account" to the "current account." The expenses shall be paid by checks authorized by the Council, signed by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, or any two of these officers. The Council shall be authorized: (a) to set up a Postgraduate Day cash account to be administered by the Chairman of the Postgraduate Day Committee, who shall keep a record of each expenditure therefrom, together with a receipt therefor; (b) to set up a Bulletin cash fund and a Secretary's cash fund, each not to exceed the sum of \$50.00. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the number of each check issued against the general fund, to whom payable, and the amount. Such checks, however, when cashed shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary. A copy of this section shall be deposited with each depository bank or trust company. On the expiration of his term of

office he shall turn over to the Council, through the Secretary, all money and other property of the Society in his possession. At the end of the year he shall submit his books and records as Treasurer to the Council, through the Secretary, for audit.

Section 6, line 3: after "membership," add "and shall examine each applicant to ascertain his familiarity with the Constitution and By-Laws. Line 4, after "report" drop: "within one month from the time of receipt of the application from the Secretary, in writing to the Council," and add "in writing their findings to the Council as promptly as possible. However, upon motion, the Council may, by a majority vote, require the censors to make their report upon any application within one month after said motion." The section will then read:

SECTION 6. The Censors shall inquire into the character and standing of each applicant for membership, and shall examine each applicant to ascertain his familiarity with the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall report in writing their findings to the Council as promptly as possible. However, upon motion, the Council may, by a majority vote, require the censors to make their report upon any application within one month after said motion. At the request of the Society, or the Council, they shall investigate any charge against a member for any alleged violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society or of the Principles of Ethics. The Censors are authorized to summon any member of the Society to appear before them and having been summoned and failing to appear, such members shall be held in contempt and may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Society. In the absence of the President and the President-Elect, the Censors, in the order of their years of service, shall preside at any meeting. The Board of Censors shall perform such other duties as are elsewhere assigned to them by the Constitution and these By-Laws.

Section 8, add to paragraph 5, after "thereon," "provided that no such right of petition of protest shall apply as to the funds of the Society earned by the *Bulletin* or other corporate agency of the Society acting within the provisions of its Charter and in the performance of its functions." The paragraph will then read:

A petition of protest may be filed with the Secretary by any six members of the Society against the Council, as Trustees or a Board of Control, but such protest shall be limited to the alienation of title

to real estate and the expenditure of more than \$200.00, whether in money or securities, for purposes not specifically authorized by the Society and not a part of operating expenses. The matter shall then be brought to a vote of the Society at one of the next two regular meetings thereafter, and the Secretary shall mail to each member notice of such protest and contemplated action not less than 10 days nor more than 20 days prior to the regular meeting at which action is taken, and such protest shall be of no effect unless sustained by two-thirds of the votes cast thereon; provided, no such right of petition of protest shall apply as to the funds of the Society earned by the *Bulletin* or other corporate agency of the Society acting within the provisions of its Charter and in the performance of its functions.

CHAPTER VI

Section 1, beginning with line 22 omit the remainder of the section. The section will then read as now with that omission.

Section 2, line 11: omit "local representatives and", omit "senators"; add "public officials, local, State and National"; drop "Medical." At the end of the Section add: "to interview candidates for public offices and to ascertain their attitude toward public health and medical problems, and to report the same to the Society prior to election; and to co-operate with the Allied Professions in legislative matters of common interest. The section will then read:

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Legislative Committee to study proposed legislation affecting the Medical Profession, to recommend legislation on these subjects, and to cooperate with the Legislative Committee of the Ohio State Medical Association in the furtherance of legislation affecting the medical profession of the State; to keep the local profession informed of such matters pending and to inform our public officials, local, State, and National, of the attitude of the Society with respect to such proposed legislation; to interview candidates for public offices concerned with legislation or with medical or public health matters, and to ascertain their attitude toward public health and medical problems, and to report the same to the Society prior to election; and to co-operate with the Allied Professions in legislative matters of common interest.

Section 3, line 8: after "children" add "and the public at large"; same line, after "health" add "and preventive medicine." The section will then read:

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Public Health Committee to advise with and recommend to the local, state and national health authorities, such action as they may deem best suited to further the health and sanitation of the community; to further the proper instruction of school children and the public at large in matters of public health and preventive medicine; and in case of war, epidemic or catastrophe to co-operate with the local and national Red Cross in providing proper and adequate medical services.

Section 6, line 18: after "Section 4" add, "except for convenience in getting the *Bulletin* out, a petty cash fund not to exceed \$50.00, may, at the discretion of the Council, be set up and automatically maintained until revoked: provided, a careful record with receipts shall be kept by the person in charge of such fund showing the exact purposes of any expenditure therefrom." With this addition the section will read as at present.

A new section is created to be known as Section 8 which shall read as follows:

SECTION 8. The Postgraduate Committee shall have charge of all arrangements connected with Postgraduate Day, except such as clearly pertain to the work of other committees. Fees required for attendance at the Postgraduate Day sessions shall be fixed by the Council and no individual shall have authority to deviate therefrom. The Chairman shall supervise all funds allocated to the use of this Committee, and he shall approve all bills and expenses connected with Postgraduate Day. He shall enter upon a permanent record book a record of all moneys received and expended, together with receipts for such expenditures, in the performance of the Committee's functions. Within one month following Postgraduate Day the Chairman shall turn over to the Secretary such records, moneys and receipts, together with an account of all unpaid bills for exhibit space or otherwise, owed by or to the Society in connection with his Committee's work. This report shall also include the names of all those attending the sessions of Postgraduate Day and the fee collected therefrom. If no fee is collected the report shall show in each instance the reason therefor.

CHAPTER VII

Section 4, first paragraph, line 3: after "dent"; add, "reading of the names of applicants for membership, together with the names of their endorsers"; line 10, after "iness"; drop "reading of applications for membership."

Second paragraph, lines 4 and 5, drop "auditing committee," and add "Auditor,." Section 4 will then read:

SECTION 4. Order of Business—Regular

meeting: (a) Call to order by the President; Reading of the names of applicants for membership with their endorsers; Scientific Program; (b) If a business meeting follows, then the Secretary shall read the minutes pertaining to the business thereof; reports of officers and committees pertaining to the business to be dealt with; discussion and disposition of matters under consideration; new business; announcements; adjournment.

Annual Meeting: Call to order; announcement by the President of the purposes of the meeting; annual reports of the Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and standing committees: publication of these reports in the current December issue of *The Bulletin* shall be sufficient to meet the foregoing requirements; election of officers; miscellaneous business; adjournment.

Two new sections are created to be known as Sections 9 and 10, which shall read as follows:

SECTION 9. The Public Relations and Economics Committee shall consist of a main Committee and of Sub-Committees on Public Relations, Economics, and Indigent Relief. The Chairmen of the Sub-Committees shall be ex-officio members of the main Committee. The duties of this Committee, together with the Sub-Committees, shall be to administer affairs connected with the public not specifically covered by the work of any other committee.

SECTION 10. The Social Committee shall have charge of all purely social affairs of the Society. When necessary it shall conduct its work in co-operation with the Program Committee, Postgraduate Committee, or such other committees as may be concerned. The Chairman shall supervise all funds collected or expended by the Committee and shall personally approve all bills connected therewith. He shall submit to the Secretary a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures together with any unexpended balance therefrom within one month following each Social event.

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provided that *no patient on Relief or able to pay his own physician* should be eligible to treatment in the Clinic; that only persons of insufficient income to pay for treatment, and no other means of providing it, should be admitted. We have done our best to carry out the Society's views in all these respects. It has been and is our practice to rotate the services of the doctors on the treatment staff and this has been carried out in the order of the application of the doctors. Any member of the Mahoning County Medical Society who would like to serve in the treatment staff will be called to service in his turn. We wish to make the Clinic useful alike to the patients who need the service and to the doctors of the Society. The response of the doctors has been most generous and we who are personally interested appreciate this fine coöperative spirit.

W. W. RYALL, M. D.,
Health Commissioner.

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*Frazer, J. G.: The Golden Bough, vol. 1, New York, Macmillan & Co., 1923



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